

Remarks

1. Claims 1-13, 26-38, 57-59, 61-74, and 80-85 are pending in the application. Claims 14-25, 39-56, 60, and 75-79 have been withdrawn.

2. Claims 9 and 26 were objected to because of informalities. It appears to the applicants that the apparent incompleteness arises because of the terminology used in the claims for some of the lists. Applicants have amended Claims 8, 9, 10, 26, 27, 30 and 69 to rename the 'to cancel list' as the 'cancellation list', and the 'candidate to cancel list' as the 'cancellation candidate list'. Applicants request reconsideration of Claims 8, 9, 10, 26, 27, 30 and 69. Applicants have traversed the objection to Claims 9 and 26.

3. Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagarajan et al. (US 2005/0180364 A1).

Applicants note that the cited reference has a filing date of April 7, 2005, and a publication date of August 18, 2005 while the instant application has a filing date of September 23, 2003, and claims priority to provisional application No. 60/412,550 dated September 23, 2002. A later filed application cannot be properly used as a 102(b) prior art, and applicants contend therefore that the 102(b) rejection is improper. The 102(b) rejection is therefore traversed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

4. Claims 9-13, 26-27, 33-35, 57-58, 59, 61-68, 69-72, 73-74 and 80-85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagarajan et al. (US 2005/0180364 A1) in view of Bruckert et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,894,500).

Applicants again note that one of the cited references, Nagarajan et al. (US 2005/0180364 A1) has a filing date of April 7, 2005, and a publication date of August 18, 2005 while the instant application has a filing date of September 23, 2003, and claims priority to provisional application No. 60/412,550 dated September 23, 2002. Applicants therefore contend that the 103(a) rejection

is improper. The 103(a) rejection is therefore traversed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Conclusions

Applicants have addressed the all of the examiner's objection and rejections. Applicants have amended Claims 8,9,10,26,27,30 and 69. Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. In the event that a telephonic conversation will expedite the examination of this application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (303)747-3272.

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